

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-18, 20-23, and 25-45 are all the claims pending in the application.

By this Amendment, Applicant amends independent claims 9, 12, 17, 29, 32, 33, and 34.

The present application was subject of appeal and the Examiner's rejections of the claims were reversed through the BPAI's Decision on Appeal of September 29, 2009.

Subsequent to the BPAI Decision, an Examiner-initiated interview was conducted on November 17 and 23, 2009. On November 23, 2009, the Examiner stated that the amended claims in the present amendment would place the Application in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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